

A L 5801 A D 1802 (sic)

Agreeably to a notice of the most worshipful the Honorable William Polk Grand Master of Masons; the Grand Lodge of the State of North Carolina convened in their Lodge room in the City of Raleigh on the evening of Thursday the 3rd December A L 5801 A D 1801 to perform the several duties of the Grand annual Communication when were

Present

The most worshipful William Polk Grand Master

R W Montford Stokes G S W

R W James Turner G J W pro tem

Robert Williams G Sec

Bro James Rhodes G S D pro tem

Bro Wm Davenport G J D pro tem

Bro Thomas Pound G Tyler

MEMBERS Brothers Doctor Nathaniel Alexander & Absalom Tatum

REPRESENTATIVES

St John Lodge No 3 Newbern Bro George Elliss, John Osborne, & Henry Tillman

Old Cone No 9 Salisbury Bro Montford Stokes

Johnston Caswell No 10 Warrenton James Turner & Thomas E Sumner

St Tammany No 16 Martin County Bro Anthony Burroughs

King Solomon No 18 Jones County Bro Amos Johnston Nicholas A Bray

Davie-Glasgow No 16 Greene County Bro Hymricke Hook and Alexander Kilpatrick

Columbia No 28 Wayne County Bro James Rhodes

Freeland No 33 Rowan County Bro George Coontz

Unanimity No 34 Rockford Surry County Bro Robert Williams, Thomas Rogers and Theophilus Lacey

Jerusalem No 35 Carteret County Bro George Elliss

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Wm R Davie No 37 Lexington Rowan County Bro John
Monroe

Rising Sun No 38 Morganton Bro Wm Davenport

Davie No 39 Bertie County Bro Sam W Johnston

Tennessee No 41 in Knoxville State of Tennessee Bro Robert
Williams

Greenville by dispensation in the town of Greenville State
of Tennessee Bro Robert Williams.

VISITORS Bro Wesley Nems, Sam D Purvinance, Wm W
Jones, Gen Robert Smith, Allen McClelland & Wm
Neegus.

The Lodge opened in due form.

In consequence of the last Grand Treasurer having resign-
ed his office Bro Thomas Rogers is appointed to the same
pro tempore.

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

Will Polk

Test

Robt Williams

Grand Secretary.

Saturday decem 5th A L 5801 A D 1801

The Grand Lodge met according to
adjournment when were

Present

The most worshipful Wm Polk grand Master

R W Nath Alexander G S W pro tem

R W James Turner G J W pro tem

R W Amos Johnston G Sec

R W Thomas Rogers G Treas pro tem

Bro Absalom Tatum G S D pro tem

Bro Wm Davenport G J D pro tem

Bro Thomas Pound G Tyler

REPRESENTATIVES

St John No 3 Newbern, Bro George Elliss & Hen Tilman
 Phoenix No 8 Fayetteville Bro Sam D Purvinance & John
 Winslow

Johnston Caswell No 10 Warrenton Bro James Turner
 King Solomon No 18 Jones County Bro Amos Johnston
 Phalanx No 31 Charlotte Mecklenburg County Bro Nath
 Alexander

Freeland No 33 Rowan County Bro Geo Coontz
 Unanimity No 34 Rockford Surry County Bro Thomas Rogers
 VISITORS Bro Gen Robert Smith, Wm Shepperd, and
 Alexander McClellan

The Lodge was opened in due form.

It is resolved that the most worshipful the Grand Master
 be requested to appoint John Wilson of Fayetteville a Tyler
 to this Lodge in addition to Thomas Pound the Grand Tyler
 at present: and that Bro John Wilson be allowed the same
 pay, and be entitled to the same privileges and immunities
 as the Grand Tyler heretofore had a right to receive, use or
 exercise.

The Lodge adjourned.

Will Polk

Test

Robt Williams
 Grand Secretary.

Friday decem 11th A L 5801 A D 1801
 The Grand Lodge met according to
 adjournment when were

Present

The most worshipful Wm Polk Grand Master
 R W The Honorable John Louis Taylor one of the Judges of
 the supreme Courts of Law & Equity Deputy Grand
 Master
 R W Montford Stokes G S W

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R W Wm Duffy G J W pro tem

R W Robert Williams G Sec

Bro Amos Johnston G S D pro tem

Bro Thomas Rogers G J D pro tem

Bro Thomas Pound & John Wilson Grand Tylers

REPRESENTATIVES

Royal White Hart No 2 Halifax Bro Gen Stephen W Carney
& Mattw. C Whitaker

St John No 3 Newbern Bro George Elliss

Phoenix No 8 Fayetteville Bro Samuel D Purvinance

Old Cone No 9 Salisbury Bro Montford Stokes

Johnston Caswell No 10 Warrenton Bro Jams. Turner

St Tammany No 16 Martin County Bro Jams. Jones

King Solomon No 18 Jones County Bro Amos Johnston

Pansophia No 25 Moore County Bro Alexander McClelland
& Archibald Dalrymple

Davie Glasgow No 26 Green County Bro Hymricke Hooker

Phalanx No 31 Charlotte Mecklenburg County Bro Nath
Alexander

Unanimity No 34 Rockford Surry County Bro Robert Wil-
liams, Thomas Rogers & Theophilus Lacey

Hiram No 40 City of Raleigh Bro Wm Boylan & Cargill
Massenburg

Tennessee No 41 Knoxville in the State of Tennessee Bro
Robert Williams

Federal by dispensation in the County of Pitt Bro John
Court & Redding Ship

Greenville by dispensation in the town of Greenville State
of Tennessee Bro Robert Williams.

VISITORS Bro Calvin Wheaton, Thos Taylor, Robert Troy
& Calvin Jones.

The Lodge was opened in due form.

The Committee to whom was referred the inspection of the
work & proceedings of the Federal Lodge in the County of
Pitt by dispensation report.

That the said Work was masonic and that their proceedings were according to antient usages of Masons whereupon it was

RESOLVED that a Charter issue to the said Lodge incorporating them into a just and perfect Lodge by the name of Federal No 42 of Pitt County and that Bro John Court be appointed Master, Redding Ship Senior Warden &—Junior Warden of said Lodge.

The Committee to who was referred the inspection of the work and proceedings of Greenville Lodge in the town of Greenville in the County of Greene of the State of Tennessee report.

That the said work was masonic and that their proceedings were according to the antient usages of masonry whereupon it was

RESOLVED that a Charter issue to the said Lodge incorporating them into a just and perfect Lodge by the name of Greenville No 43 of Greenville. And that Bro George Washington Campbell be appointed Master, Jenkins Whitesides Senior Warden, & John Rhea Junior Warden of the said Lodge.

The Committ appointed by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina to examine the communications from the respective Grand Lodges in the United States to this Grand and to report such answers, resolutions, & other things necessary to be done on the part of this Grand Lodge report.

That they have already prosecuted so far on the objects of their appointment as to have taken under their consideration the circular adress of the Grand Lodge of the State of South Carolina, on the subject of a Convention for the organization of a superintending Grand Lodge of the Unior and are unanimously of the opinion that the proposition to that effect contained therein should be acceded to; they therefore recommended the adoption of the following resolutions.

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RESOLVED that it is the opinion of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina that the establishment of a supreme continental Grand Lodge on antient masonic principles is an object extremely desirable necessary and proper; and it is well calculated, to increase the respectability, ensure the prosperity and extend the advantages of the institution. They therefore accede to the proposition of the Grand Lodge of the State of South Carolina contained in their address of the 31st December A L 5799, and approve of the mode by them suggested for carrying the same into effect.

RESOLVED that the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge do immediately forward a copy of the forgoing resolution to the Grand Lodge of the State of South Carolina; and that he cause the same together with the aforesaid address from the said Grand Lodge to be printed and copies of each to be transmitted to all the Grand Lodges in the United States.

This Grand Lodge taking the foregoing report into consideration; resolved that they do concur therewith.

WHEREAS it has been represented to this Grand Lodge that the rules and bye-laws of the subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge which respect the admission of Candidates, are various, contradictory and in many Lodges very imperfect. In order therefore to promote the interest of the Craft and produce a more uniform regulation on this subject.

RESOLVED that every Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall and they are hereby required to transmit to the next grand annual communication a copy of their respective bye laws & rules so far as respects the admission of Candidates the prices of entering, passing & raising in their respective Lodges.

RESOLVED further that until some general regulation shall be entered into on this subject, no person shall be admitted to the first degree in any of the subordinate Lodges under the sum of three pounds for each Candidate.

RESOLVED further that no person shall be initiated as a mason in any of the subordinate Lodges, who shall not have resided within this State for twelve months next before his initiation. Provided that transient persons may be initiated under a less residence on producing satisfactory credentials from the place where they resided before such initiation testifying the good character and moral conduct of such applicant.

The Grand Lodge now preceeded to the election of Officers of this Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, when was elected unanimously

William Polk supervisor of this State Grand Master
General Montford Stokes Clerk to the Senate of the Legislature of this State Grand Senior Warden
Williams Duffy Attorney at Law Grand Junior Warden
Robert Williams Attorney at Law Grand Secretary
Wm Boylan Esqr. Printer Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Master by virtue of the authorities in him reposed by the Constitution then appointed

The Honble John Louis Taylor one of the Judges of the superior Courts of Law & Equity Deputy Grand Master
The Honble Edward Jones Solicitor General of the State Grand Senior Deacon.

Absalom Tatum Esqr. late member of Congress Grand Junior Deacon

Major General Stephen W Carney Grand Marshall
Major General Robert Smith Grand Pursuivant
Thomas Pound & John Wilson Grand Tylers.

The Lodge adjourned.

Will Polk.

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Robt. Williams
Grand Secretary.

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Monday Decem 14th A L 5801 A D 1801

The Grand Lodge met according to
adjournment when were

Present

The most worshipful Montford Stokes G S W Grand Master
pro tem

R W George Elliss G S W pro tem

R W Robert Smith G J W pro tem

R W Thomas Rogers G Sec

R W Wm Boylan G Treas

Bro Theophilus Lacey G S D pro tem

Bro John Muroe G J D pro tem

Bros Thomas Pound & John Wilson Grand Tylers.

REPRESENTATIVES

St John No 3 Newbern Bro George Elliss

Phoenix No 8 Fayetteville Bro Sam D Purvinance

Old Cone No 9 Salisbury Bro Montford Stokes

Hiram No 24 Williamsborough Granville County Bro Thos.
Taylor

Pansophia No 25 Moore County Bro Archibald Dalrymple

Mount Moria No 27 Iredell County Bro Burges Gaither

St Tammany No 30 Wilmington Bro Ben Mills

Unanimity No 34 Rockford Surry County Bro Thomas Rog-
ers & Theophilus Lacey

Jerusalem No 35 Carteret County Bro George Elliss

Wm R Davie No 37 Lexington Rowan County Bro John
Monroe

Hiram No 40 in the City of Raleigh Broth. Wm Boylan.

VISITOR Bro Robert Troy.

The Lodge was opened in due form.

The committee to who was referred the communication
from the different Grand Lodges in the Union to this Grand
Lodge; and to report such answers, resolutions or other

things as they may think necessary to be done on the part of this Grand Lodge report.

That having taken into consideration the communication from the Grand Lodge of the State of Kentucke; they approve of the reasons and sentiments contained in the same and recommended the following resolution

RESOLVED that the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina be requested to transmit to the Grand Lodge of the State of Kentucke an answer to their communication of the seventh of March last in the following terms.
Most worshipful Sir & Brothers

The Grand Lodge of the State of North Carolina have had under their consideration your communication of the seventh of March A L 5801 and I am instructed to offer on their part the salutations of fraternal affection. Satisfied from your representations that in erecting a Grand Lodge in the State of Kentucke independent of your parent Grand Lodge of the State of Virginia, you have not been actuated by any motive unworthy of Free Masons. This Grand Lodge explicitly declares its approbation of the measure you have adopted, not only on account of its expediency, but of its propriety. The precedents which you have recited, certainly give a high sanction of authority to your proceedings; but on principle independant of precedent, we conceive that a Grand Lodge is duly formed in any State or Nation by a convention composed of elegates from a sufficient number of the subordinate Lodges existing within that circle. In thus acknowledging you the Grand Lodge of the State of Kentucke formed according to the Land Marks of Antient York Masons, this Grand Lodge believe they act in conformity with their duty; and they accept with sentiments of respects your offer of reciprocal communication.

The Grand Lodge taking the foregoing report into consideration resolved that they do concur therewith.

Received from Unanimity Lodge No 34 the proceedings of

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that Lodge in which was certained the reasons why they expelled Gideon Edwards Esquire Senator from Surry from the said Lodge for unworthness and apostacy, which reasons and proceedings this Grand Lodge took into consideration and resolved that that they do concur therewith.

The Grand Lodge adjourned Sine Die.

Will Polk.

Test:

Robt Williams

Grand Secretary.